

PROCLAMATION

presented for

Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day

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*Whereas*, Muscular Dystrophy refers to a group of more than 40 neuromuscular diseases that cause generalized weakness and muscle wasting. Two of the more common neuromuscular diseases include Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a disease found in children that progresses slowly with survival rare beyond the late twenties, and Lou Gehrig's Disease, a disorder that progresses rapidly in adult clients that is also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; and

*Whereas*, The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency that was created in 1950 by a driven group of parents whose children suffered from a form of muscular dystrophy. Seventy-five percent of every dollar raised by MDA goes directly to research, health care services and education. Each year, MDA holds a national telethon to raise funds to serve clients. Last year, the telethon raised more than 4 million in Southern California and 54.9 million nationally; and

*Whereas*, On behalf of all the people of Long Beach, I am pleased to offer our best wishes to the more than seven hundred people living with neuromuscular diseases in Long Beach and the greater Los Angeles area and to the Muscular Dystrophy Association as it gears up for the Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon; NOW

*Now, Therefore*, I, Bob Foster, Mayor of the City of Long Beach do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 to be **MDA day**.

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**Bob Foster**  
MAYOR

**Dated: September 16, 2006**